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H.B. No. 1511

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of the connectivity office within the office of the governor.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subtitle F, Title 4, Government Code, is amended by adding Chapter 490I to read as follows:

CHAPTER 490I. CONNECTIVITY OFFICE

Sec. 490I.0101. OFFICE. (a) The connectivity office is an office within the office of the governor.

(b) The governor may employ additional employees necessary for the discharge of the duties of the connectivity office.

Sec. 490I.0102. CONNECTIVITY PLAN. The connectivity office shall collaborate with the governor's broadband development council and any interested parties to develop a statewide connectivity plan to expand access to high-speed Internet service in this state.

Sec. 490I.0103. BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT MAP. (a) The connectivity office shall create, update annually, and publish a broadband development map that displays:

(1) areas of this state that have sufficient infrastructure to support high-speed Internet service;

(2) areas of this state that do not have sufficient infrastructure to support high-speed Internet service; and

(3) planned Internet service infrastructure projects.

1 (b) The connectivity office may consult with the governor's
2 broadband development council and any interested parties for the
3 purpose of creating and updating the broadband development map.

4 Sec. 490I.0104. RULEMAKING. The governor may adopt rules
5 as necessary to implement this chapter.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.